

**JANUARY 7, 2008  
PARMA CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF COUNCIL  
6:30 P.M.**

The Council Meeting was called to order by President of Council Charles M. Germana presiding.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:       NICHOLAS J. CELEBREZZE  
  BRIAN DAY  
  MARY GALINAS  
  ROY J. JECH  
  LARRY NAPOLI  
  KEN RAMSER  
  SCOTT M. TUMA

COUNCIL MEMBERS EXCUSED:       SEAN P. BRENNAN  
  TOM REGAS

Mr. Mastroianni – Mr. Chairman, the Roll of Council has been called, and I find a quorum of Council Members present.

The following officials and department heads were also present: Law Director Timothy Dobeck, Auditor Dennis Kish, Treasurer Anthony Zielinski and Clerk of Council Tom Mastroianni

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**INVOCATION**  
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**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG**  
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**COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

Mr. Germana – Stated that he did pass the Committee Assignments out to everyone. Asked everyone to review the assignments and if there is anyone who would like to change them, please contact him.

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**NOMINATION OF PRESIDENT PRO TEM**

Councilman Ramser – Stated that he wanted to enter a gentleman's name that he has learned to respect and have a lot of admiration for. A gentleman that his residents have respect and admiration for, because they keep returning him to Council. Stated that he respects him not only because of those reasons but from his heart because of the way he handled things in his personal life that he has had past experience with. Stated that he believes if you really want to know a true test of a man's character, you give him a little bit of power and he feels the person's character is shining. Therefore, Councilman Ramser made a motion to nominate Roy J. Jech as President Pro tem. Councilman Day seconded that motion with a great deal of honor. Motion carried. Councilman Roy J. Jech is the President Pro Tem.

Councilman Jech – Thanked members of Council and Councilman Ramser who nominated him and for his kind words. Stated that it has been a long road back, but it has been worth it. Looks forward to some good things.

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#### **NOMINATION OF MAJORITY LEADER**

Councilman Jech – Stated that he has grown to know his colleague on Council who comes from a long line of a politically affiliated family. He is definitely dedicated to the enrichment of life in Parma. Councilman Jech made a motion to nominate Councilman Brian Day as Majority Leader. Councilman Celebrezze seconded the motion. Motion carried. Councilman Brian Day is the Majority Leader.

Councilman Day – Stated that it is with a great deal of honor that he accepts the nomination. Stated that this is a unique group who are able to accomplish so much more, because they work together. Stated he is proud to be a part of that and thanks everyone for their support.

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#### **APPOINTMENT OF CLERK OF COUNCIL**

Motion made by Councilman Jech seconded by Councilman Day to appoint Thomas Mastroianni as Clerk of Council. Motion carried.

Mr. Mastroianni – Thanked everyone for their support. Looks forward to the next two years.

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#### **APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL STAFF**

Motion made by Councilman Jech seconded by Councilman Day to appoint the following staff to the Parma Council Office: Lisa Krupicka – Chief Deputy Clerk, Elaine Swade – Deputy Clerk I, Marie Tedeschi – Deputy Clerk I, Linda Young – Deputy Clerk I, and Patricia White – Deputy Clerk I. Motion carried.

Mr. Germana – Stated that Mr. Mastroianni and he did interview the Council Staff before the end of the year and the one thing they did discuss is that the push this year is on service to constituents. Extra customer service to constituents. They want the staff to be able to answer questions and help.

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#### **LEGISLATIVE COMMENT**

No one from the public wished to speak.

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#### **SUSPENSION OF THE RULES:**

	ORDINANCE NO. 1-08	1/7/08	L-1-08
BY:	S. M. TUMA		
	(By Request – Auditor)		

#### **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2008 TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS OF THE CITY OF PARMA, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Mr. Germana – Shall the statutory provision and Rule 47 requiring the full and distinct reading of Ordinance No. 1-08 on three different days be dispensed with?

Yes: Celebrezze, Day, Galinas, Jech, Napoli, Ramser, Tuma.

No: None; motion carried.

Mr. Germana – Shall Rule 44 requiring reference to committee be dispensed with and Ordinance No. 1-08 be placed on final passage?

Yes: Celebrezze, Day, Galinas, Jech, Napoli, Ramser, Tuma.

No: None; motion carried.

Councilman Kish - Stated that he had an amendment to the Exhibit. Stated that some of them were unexpected things that came up at the end of the year. Stated the largest one was \$500,000. That would be money they would need to appropriate. There are the proceeds from the sale of the Schaaf Building that they are required, because they did not defease the bonds the bonds, they are required to spend in a short time frame on other capital projects. He also has two line items that needed to be added to the Exhibit. The first would be line item 001-021-62042-00000 for \$5,000.00. Also in the Streets Department, line item 276-276-61099-00000 for \$25,000.00 for fuel and motor oil. The total would change to \$658,122.50.

Motion made by Councilman Jech seconded by Councilman Day to adopt Ordinance No. 1-08.

Yes: Celebrezze, Day, Galinas, Jech, Napoli, Ramser, Tuma.

No: None; Ordinance No. 1-08 is adopted.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2-08

1/7/08

L-2-08

BY: S. M. TUMA

(By Request – Auditor)

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY AUDITOR'S POST CERTIFICATION  
OF REQUISITIONS AS DETAILED IN EXHIBIT "A" AND DECLARING AN  
EMERGENCY**

Mr. Germana – Shall the statutory provision and Rule 47 requiring the full and distinct reading of Resolution No. 2-08 on three different days be dispensed with?

Yes: Celebrezze, Day, Galinas, Jech, Napoli, Ramser, Tuma.

No: None; motion carried.

Mr. Germana – Shall Rule 44 requiring reference to committee be dispensed with and Resolution No. 2-08 be placed on final passage?

Yes: Celebrezze, Day, Galinas, Jech, Napoli, Ramser, Tuma.

No: None; motion carried.

Councilwoman Galinas – Stated there are two items; one is from January for a Fire Department contribution for \$500.00 and the other one is from for the Fire Department from June for CYA plumbing repairs. Asked about the delay.

Mr. Kish – Stated that the CYA plumbing repairs may have been repairs that were not performed to the department's satisfaction and now they finally got it right and are settling up. Stated that he is not familiar with the \$500.00 charge.

Mr. Kish – Stated that he will get something in writing from the Safety Director.

Motion made by Councilman Jech seconded by Councilman Day to adopt Resolution No. 2-08.

Yes: Celebrezze, Day, Galinas, Jech, Napoli, Ramser, Tuma.

No: None; Resolution No. 2-08 is adopted.

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**PUBLIC SESSION**

Sophie Alexander, 6905 Ridge Road, President of the Tenants Association of the apartment building – Stated that they are here to find out what the City can do about the snow removal on the sidewalks for the elderly and the disabled. They have a hard

time getting out during the winter time with all the snow on Ridgewood and Day Drive and Ridge Road.

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**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

Councilman Tuma – Stated he did receive a phone call from Nina Dempsey at the apartment complex. Stated that he forwarded an e-mail to Service Director Higgins regarding the concerns with snow removal.

Councilman Napoli – Assured the residents in the audience that their concerns will be addressed.

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**REPORT ON ABSENT OFFICIALS**

Motion made by Councilman Jech seconded by Councilman Day to excuse the Administration, Councilman Brennan and Councilman Regas from said meeting. Motion carried.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Councilman Jech seconded by Councilman Day to adjourn said meeting. Motion carried.

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**C E R T I F I C A T I O N**

I, Thomas Mastroianni, Clerk of Council of the City of Parma, Ohio, do hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of the Minutes from the Council Meeting held on Monday, January 7, 2008.

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THOMAS MASTROIANNI  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

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CHARLES M. GERMANA  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Meeting adjourned at 7 P.M.

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